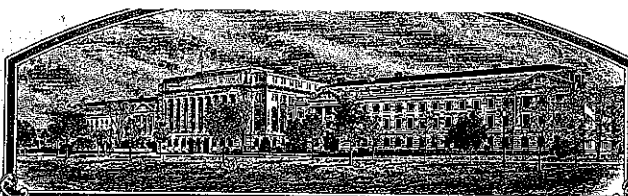


No.

9900085



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR OFFERING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'92B23'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand one.

Attest:

Alan R. Ford

Acting Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

[Signature]

Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

| | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| 1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate) | | 2. EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER | 3. VARIETY NAME |
| Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. | | | 92B23 |
| 4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) | | 5. TELEPHONE (include area code) | FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 99000085 FILING DATE 11/24/98 FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE: \$ 2450. ⁰⁰ DATE 11-27-98 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$ 320 DATE 10/6/00 |
| 7300 NW 62nd Ave P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004 | | 515-270-3582 | |
| 6. FAX (include area code) | | | |
| 515-253-2288 | | | |
| 7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME | 8. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) | | |
| Glycine max L. | Leguminosae | | |
| 9. CROP KIND NAME (Common name) | | | |
| Soybean | | | |
| 10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name) | | | |
| Corporation | | | |
| 11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION | | 12. DATE OF INCORPORATION | |
| Iowa | | May 6, 1926 | |
| 13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS | | | 14. TELEPHONE (include area code) |
| John Grace DR. Daria Schmidt 7300 NW 62nd Ave. P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004 <i>gls 19 Sept. 2000</i> | | | 515-270-3582 |
| | | | 15. FAX (include area code) |
| | | | 515-253-2288 |
| 16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse) | | | |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,600 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in a public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to PVPO) | | | |
| 17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)? | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If "no," go to item (20) | | | |
| 18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? | | 19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED | |
| 20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," give names of countries and dates) <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | | |
| U.S. January 1998 (5th) | | | |
| 21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate | | | |
| The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. | | | |
| Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties. | | | |
| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) | | SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) | |
| <i>D. John Grace III</i> | | | |
| Name (Please print or type) | | Name (Please print or type) | |
| D. John Grace III | | | |
| CAPACITY OR TITLE | DATE | CAPACITY OR TITLE | DATE |
| Soybean Research Coordinator | 11/20/98 | | |

Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety**Soybean Variety 92B23**

Variety 92B23 evolved from a 1989 cross of 9171/6/9271/4/Grant/Bavendar Special//Mitchell/3/PRX325260//Altona/Williams 82/5/9273. PRX325260 was a germplasm release from Purdue with resistance to *Phytophthora*.

92B23 is an F4-derived variety which was advanced to the F4 generation by modified single seed descent. The F5 progeny row of 92B23 was grown in summer 1992. Subsequently, 92B23 has undergone 3 years of extensive testing and purification and has been observed by the breeder to be uniform and stable for all plant traits from generation to generation, with no evidence of variants. On the basis of yield, and phytophthora resistance, variety 92B23 was released for sale.

The purification block was grown during summer 1995 and 101 sublines were bulked for increase. 20 acres of 92B23 (breeders seed) were grown in summer 1996. 133 acres of parent seedstock (foundation seed equivalent) were grown in the summer 1997 and 6,673 bushels harvested.

Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness**Soybean Variety 92B23**

Variety 92B23 is most similar to varieties AP2324 and Wells. These varieties have purple flowers, gray pubescence and yellow seeds with imperfect black hila. However, 92B23 is resistant to race 5 of *Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae* whereas AP2324 and Wells are susceptible to race 5.

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 SEED DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
 BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
 (Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. | TEMPORARY DESIGNATION | VARIETY NAME 92B23 |
| ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) 7300 N.W. 62nd Ave., P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, IA 50131-1004 | | FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9900085 |

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero on the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



L



W



T

1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
 3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
 4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify)

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify)

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1 a) 2 = Type B (SP1 b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
 3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
 4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify)

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11. LEAFLET SIZE:

1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★ Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)★ Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)★ Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

★ Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora soja*)★

Race 1

Race 2

Race 3

Race 4

Race 5

Other (Specify)

Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)★ Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASES REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)
- Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ Race 1 Race 2 Race 3 Race 4 Race 5 Race 6 Race 7
- Race 8 Race 9 Other (Specify)

VIRAL DISEASES:

- Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ Race 1 Race 2 Race 3 Race 4 Other (Specify)
- Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify)

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

- ★ Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- Other (Specify) Metribuzin

21. INSECT REACTION: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

- Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna Varivestis*)
- Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- Other (Specify)

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

| CHARACTER | NAME OF VARIETY | CHARACTER | NAME OF VARIETY |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Plant Shape | 9254 | Seed Coat Luster | 9042 |
| Leaf Shape | 9171 | Seed Size | 9204 |
| Leaf Color | 9233 | Seed shape | 9091 |
| Leaf Size | 9171 | Seedling Pigmentation | 9061 |
| | | | |

Variety Name 92B23

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY : Paired Comparison Data

| VARIETY | NO. OF DAYS MATURITY | PLANT LODGING SCORE | CM PLANT HEIGHT | LEAFLET SIZE | | SEED CONTENT | | SEED SIZE G/100 SEED | NO. SEEDS POD |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------|----------------------|---------------|
| | | | | CM Width | CM Length | % Protein | % Oil | | |
| Submitted 92B23 | 126 | 1.6 | 75.2 | | | 40.5 | 23.6 | 15.6 | 3 |
| Name of Similar Variety 9204 | 124 | 1.7 | 78.5 | | | 41.3 | 22.3 | 15.9 | 3 |

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Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety**Soybean Variety 92B23**

In Exhibit C we have identified variety 92B23 as susceptible to bacterial blight, brown spot, pod and stem blight, rhizoctonia, bud blight, yellow mosaic, cowpea mosaic, pod mottle and seed mottle.

This does not mean that variety 92B23 is any worse for this problem than other varieties of similar maturity. Rather, we do not consider 92B23 to be immune to this problem. Therefore, we have chosen to be conservative and have identified the line as "susceptible".

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EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| 1. Name Of Applicant(s) Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. | 2. Temporary Designation Or Experimental Number | 3. Variety Name 92B23 |
| 4. Address (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 7300 NW 62nd Ave P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004 | 5. Telephone (include area code) 515-270-3582 | 6. Fax (include area code) 515-253-2288 |
| 7. PVPO Number 9900085 | | |

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, Please explain. ☒ YES ☐ NO9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? ☒ YES ☐ NO
If no, give name of country _____10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☒ YES ☐ NO If no, please answer one of the following:

a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), Is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country _____

b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is(are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country _____

11. Additional explanation on ownership (If needed, use reverse for extra space):

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

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